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Nominations to the Mettupalaiyam Union Board.

* 283 Q.—MR. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) when nominations were made among the members of the different Minority communities last to the Mettupalaiyam union board by the president of the Coimbatore taluk board;

(b) whether any member of the depressed classes was nominated to this union board;

(c) if so, what is his name; and

(d) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a), (b) and (c), whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(a) 28th April 1925, 6th May 1925 and 14th May 1925.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) M.R.Ry. B. Raghavulu Reddi Garu who is said to be an Adi-Dravida.

MR. R. VEERIAN:—“With reference to clause (c), may I know whether the Government are aware that after this nomination of an Adi-Dravida to the Mettupalaiyam Union, meetings were held in the verandah of the union office and in those meetings while the members of the other classes were given good seats the member of the depressed classes was given only a low stool?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“The question does not arise out of the answer given.”

MR. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—“Will the hon. Member kindly cause an enquiry to be made?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“The request will be considered, Sir.”

Nomination to a vacant seat in Dharmapuri taluk board.

* 284 Q.—MR. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that one nominated member to the Dharmapuri taluk board, Salem district, M.R.Ry. Thirthamurthi Gounder, has already resigned his seat;

(b) whether one Munia Maistri, Adi-Dravida candidate of Mukanoor village, Dharmapuri taluk, has already applied to the president of the Salem district board expressing his willingness to serve on the taluk board on behalf of the depressed classes;

(c) whether the seat fallen vacant has already been filled up by nominating any candidate;

(d) if so, the name of the candidate and whether he is a member of the depressed classes; and

(e) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a) to (d), whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(a) No one named M.R. Ry. Thirthamurthi Gounder has resigned a seat on the board. There was no member of that name. There is one Mr. Thirthagiri Gounder now on the board.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

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- (c) & (d) To one of the vacant seats on the Dharmapuri taluk board, M.R.Ry. K. Venkatraman Avargal, a member of the depressed classes, has been appointed.

Communal representation in Narayanadeverakeri union board.

* 285 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many Brahmans, non-Brahmans or Christians or Muhammadans or Adi-Dravidas were nominated to the Narayanadeverakeri union board, Hospet taluk, Bellary district, by the president of the Hospet taluk board;

(b) when the nominations were made last;

(c) whether it is a fact that one Adi-Dravida Mr. Kalli Hanumappa of Narayanadeverakeri has already applied to the president, taluk board, for one of the nominated seats; if so, with what results; and

(d) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a), (b) and (c), whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(a) & (b) A list^a of members of the Narayanadeverakeri union board with dates of joining it is laid on the table.

(c) The answer is in the affirmative; the person named has been appointed as a member of the board.

Establishment of a free reading room at Tirupati.

* 286 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that after cancelling the Collector's order refusing to give sanction to the resolution regarding the establishment of a free reading room at Tirupati, the Government refused to give their sanction to the reading room;

(b) whether it is a fact that the municipal council requested the Government to reconsider their order;

(c) whether the municipal council again requested the Government to sanction at least the amount bona fide spent up to the time of refusal by the Government to sanction the reading room and the Government refused to do even this;

(d) whether the audit department has now asked the councillors concerned to pay the sum spent for the reading room which is only Rs. 10-6-0;

(e) whether the municipal councillors have refused to do this and a suit is to be filed regarding the same; and

(f) whether the Government have any objection to reconsider the matter at least now and sanction the petty sum spent by the municipality bona fide in view of the fact that the Government cancelled the Collector's order?

A.—(a) The Collector did not refuse to sanction the expenditure. He suspended the resolution under section 36 (2) of the District Municipalities Act. Such suspension is proper only when the public interest is in immediate danger and was cancelled by the Government who at the same time informed the council that the Government's previous sanction was required before any money was spent under the resolution.

^a Printed as Appendix II on page 543 infra.